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## WILSON WILL TAKE NO ACTION TO HARM LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Grave Problems are Now  
Confronting the Peace  
Conference

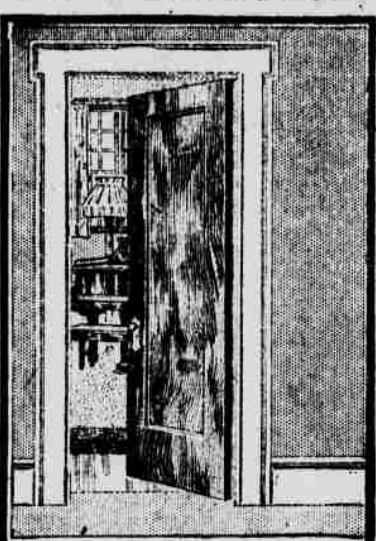
### APPARENT DEADLOCK

The Situation Despatches Report is  
Regarded Serious and  
Uncertain

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The administration officials were advised in a confidential cablegram from Paris that in consideration of the problems confronting the Peace Conference, such as Italy's Adriatic claims and question of alliance to protect France from future aggression, President Wilson would take no action which might in the slightest degree jeopardize the League of Nations or conflict with its fundamental principles. The message was a reply to a cablegram of inquiry regarding the President's attitude toward the secret alliance which, according to certain Paris newspapers, contemplated a special defensive pact to be entered into by France, England and United States. The outcome of the apparent deadlock over Italy's Adriatic claims is awaited in official quarters with evident anxiety. The situation as pictured in press despatches is regarded as serious, and there was no message from Paris yesterday or today, similar to those of last week reporting gratifying progress at the Peace table.

#### Spasmotic Sermon.

The world may owe every man a living, but some fellows are convinced that the world has been holding out back pay on 'em for a long time.



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## ORLANDO THREATENS WORLD'S "BIG FOUR"

PARIS, April 23.—Premier Orlando threatens to return to Italy unless there is a satisfactory adjustment of the Fiume-Dalmatian question. Lloyd George is trying to persuade Orlando to remain here longer while he continues efforts to reconcile opposing viewpoints.

## GERMANS ATTACK THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN KOVNO

A Lithuanian Soldier Was  
Killed in Defending  
Americans

### GREATLY INDIGNANT

Kovno Unit is a Branch of the Red  
Cross Mission to Poland Organ-  
ized in Paris

German troops have attacked the American Red Cross Mission at Kovno, Lithuania, according to a cablegram received here recently from the Lithuanian National Council from its Paris representative. The message gave neither the time nor the result of the attack. A Lithuanian soldier was killed in defending the Americans, it was said. The cablegram read: "The American Red Cross Mission at Kovno, Lithuania, has been attacked by German soldiers. While defending the Americans one Lithuanian soldier was killed. This aroused the greatest indignation in Kovno, and the funeral of the hero developed into a great demonstration against Germans."

No advice of an attack on the mission have been received by Red Cross authorities here. The Kovno unit is a branch of the American Red Cross Mission to Poland. Its personnel is not known here, as the work in Poland and Lithuania was organized in Paris.

"The American Relief Administration has consulted the Lithuanian delegation in Paris and is sending 'ch' laden with food and medicine to Lithuania," the Council's cablegram added. "Also an agreement has been made with the American Red Cross to send food, clothing, and medicine into Lithuania from its base at Copenhagen. Kovno has become the seat of the allied representatives in Lithuania."

"The independence of Lithuania is becoming clearer. Shortly the question of Baltic States, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, will be discussed by the Peace Conference."

"The Poles intend to recognize Lithuania's independence and enter into an agreement to form a common defensive military front against the Bolsheviks. The fight of our heroic army against Russian Bolsheviks is proceeding successfully."

"The allies are sending a mission to investigate Lithuania conditions."

WASHINGTON, April 23.—American Red Cross officials had received no confirmation Monday night of the reported attack by German troops on its representatives in Lithuania. One official stated that there was no distinct mission sent by the Red Cross to Lithuania. A mission was sent, however, to Poland, and some of its members probably were operating in the district where the attack is said to have taken place.

### TURKEY IS SOVIET

Government is Reported to Have  
Been Established by Party That  
is Now in Power

LONDON, April 23.—Rumor the Soviet government has been established in Turkey which attracted so much attention yesterday, remains without confirmation and is now credited with considerable incredulity. It is pointed out that the source of the news (Odessa) is in Bolshevik hands, and that the British warships at Constantinople, being equipped with wireless, might have been expected to report the fact if true, but nothing has been heard from the fleet.

## WILSON LEARNS SECRET TREATIES MADE WITH JAPAN

Japan's Claims Backed by  
England, France, Italy  
and Russia

### AN AKWARD SITUATION

Promise Was Made Two Years Ago  
That Japan Should Have All  
Islands North of Equator

PARIS, April 23.—No delegation outside those of the powers directly concerned is more interested in the outcome of the Adriatic controversy than the Chinese, for there is a point of curious similarity between the quarrel of Italy and Yugoslavia and that of China and Japan over the Chinese Province of Shantung. There is also this difference: Italy is struggling to get the debatable territory promised her by England and France as an inducement to enter the war. Japan is fighting to get admittedly Chinese territory as a reward for letting China enter the war.

Japan bases her case on secret agreements made by England, France, Italy, and Russia in February 1917, they would support Japan's claims to the German Pacific islands north of the equator, and to the Chinese territory of Shantung from which Germany had been ousted. Evidence of these promises given to Japan is contained in hitherto unpublished notes which are part of this cable dispatch.

Neither President Wilson nor the Chinese delegates knew of the existence of these secret agreements when they came to Paris. The disclosure was first made to Mr. Wilson at a meeting of the Council of Ten, when the question of the mandatory system as suggested by the American president was first under discussion. It was then proposed that the German islands be disposed of by placing them under mandates.

It was an awkward moment. Mr. Lloyd George remarked that an arrangement of a different character had already been reached with reference to the islands. Mr. Wilson asked what it was. Lloyd George turned to Baron Makino for an explanation, whereupon Mr. Wilson was informed that Japan had received the promise of England, France, Italy and Russia, two years before, that she should have outright all the German islands north of the equator, and that she had agreed that Australia should have all to the south. It was common knowledge that such a distribution had been long contemplated, but nobody outside the Foreign Offices of the governments directly involved knew that there were definite, signed agreements concerning the deal.

After learning so much Mr. Wilson asked if there were any other secret agreements which had not been produced at the conference. It was then admitted that the agreement with Japan also included the British, French, and Italian promises to support her claims to the Chinese Province of Shantung as the price Japan demanded for allowing China to enter the war, despite the fact that China had been repeatedly trying to get into the war against Germany of her own volition.

### SUNSET HOME

The directors of Sunset Home have arranged for a pailor concert at The Home Monday evening, April 28th at eight o'clock. The soloist is Miss Catherine Carpenter, who has been singing with much acceptance at St. Andrew's church, and who comes to us from Holderness, N. H. Miss Carpenter's father was a St. Johnsbury boy and will be remembered by many of our towns people. Miss Magoon, the reader, is the new elocution teacher at the academy and we feel sure will please her audience. The young friends who appear on the program are St. Johnsbury's own and need no foreword to insure them a welcome. Miss Margaret F. Brooks, Miss Sigrid Eklof and Mr. Allan Hunter.

Miss Dorothea Clark has charge of the tickets and they will be offered by the Girl Scouts at fifty cents. Only a limited number of tickets can be sold as the capacity of the rooms is limited. The special needs at the Home to be supplied by the proceeds of the concert are dining room chairs.

### Practice Cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness ought to be the viaticum vitae of their life to the old; age without cheerfulness is a Lapland winter without a sun; and this spirit of cheerfulness should be encouraged in our youth if we would have the benefit of it in our old age; time will make a generous wine more mellow; but it will turn that which is early on the fret, to vinegar.—Colton.

## VICTORY LOAN NEAR HALF BILLION MARK

Washington, April 23.—Unofficial reports to the treasury today indicate the aggregate subscriptions to the Victory Liberty Loan is approaching the half billion mark, although the official figures still stood at one hundred and sixteen millions.

## REVOLUTION KEEPS PEOPLES WARRING IN THE NEAR EAST

Turkey and Hungary are  
Now in the Throes of  
Civil War

### CHAOS IS PREVAILING

German Government Say They Can  
Take a Plebiscite in 48 Hours on  
the Peace Treaty

PARIS, April 23.—A revolution has broken out in Turkey and Soviet government has been declared by the Revolutionary committee and established in Constantinople, according to a telegram from Kiev, quoting Bolshevik representative at Odessa, who says the Turkish Consul there has received an official announcement of the change in the government.

AMSTERDAM, April 23.—The Hungarian government, headed by Bela Kun, has resigned under pressure of the Rumanian troops, says a Vienna despatch, quoting reports from Budapest. Chaos is said to prevail at the Hungarian capital, and it is reported that Czech forces have joined the Rumanians and defeated Hungarian Soviet troops.

BERLIN, (Sunday Associated) April 23.—Arrangements for the election such as voting booths, lists and clerks are all in readiness for immediate plebiscite on peace terms, which can be completed all over Germany in 48 hours, according to information from sources close to the government. Preparations have been going on secretly for several days and if terms are publicly on the morning of the referendum can be taken next day, and answer can go to entente 48 hours later. It is asserted the only change of an affirmative answer would be in case there is an agreement to negotiate details of the terms.

### DIFFICULT TO GET JURY

Murder Trial Warm at St. Albans  
Starting Under Difficulties in  
Securing a Jury

ST. ALBANS, April 23.—How difficult it is to secure a jury to sit on the case of State vs. Robert Warm, charged with the murder of Jennie Hemmingsway, in August, 1917, was proven in Franklin county court yesterday. Of the regular panel of 32 jurors and a special panel of 40 summoned, only 11 had survived the preliminary challenges of the attorneys when court took a recess at 4.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. An additional panel was summoned to appear when court reconvened at ten o'clock this morning. How many of the 11 jurors remaining of the original challenges will serve on the case is not known as each side still has two challenges.

### MUSEUM NOTES

Some interesting articles from Bulgaria which have just been loaned to the Museum by Miss Mary L. Wheeler are grouped in the special exhibit case near the entrance door. All will be attracted by the fine hand embroidery and fabrics made by the people of Bulgaria. The coins and stamps are especially interesting. A shell picked up just after the siege of Adrianople and decorated with an engraving of Sultan Selim II is one of the articles. The children will be delighted with the bright Easter egg colored and decorated in Bulgaria. The national colors and some cards giving scenes in Bulgaria complete this special exhibit.

The birds are fast returning from their winter sojourn in the south. The list last report is:

Yellow-bellied sapsucker, belted kingfisher, April 9; cedar waxwing, April 11; great blue heron, April 12; Savannah sparrow, April 14; winter wren, golden-crowned kinglet, purple finch, hermit thrush, April 16; chipping sparrow, April 18; sparrow hawk, red-shouldered hawk, white-crowned sparrow, Wilson thrush, April 20.

## TELEPHONE USERS TO PAY INCREASED OPERATORS' WAGES

Revenue Will Be Raised and  
Subscribers Must  
Pay Price

### NO PROFIT IN RAISE

Postmaster General Thinks His Meth-  
od Simple and Direct and Gives  
Prompt Decisions

With the ending of the strike of 20,000 telephone employees in New England Monday there comes the notice from John C. Koons, first assistant postmaster general, that the increased wages granted the operators and men of the mechanical force would involve an increase in the rates to telephone subscribers. The formulating of new schedules will be started at once.

"I have been asked," said he, "how this increase in wages will be met, and in reply I would say that, as there is no congressional appropriation for the payment of this or other expenses of the operation of these wire systems, the postmaster-general must pay them out of the revenues earned by the various companies."

"These revenues must be increased if expenses increase, and the only available way of getting increased revenue is through increased rates to the public. Necessarily the increases in wages agreed upon will involve an increase of rates in this company. It is proper to add that the company will not profit by any increases that may be necessary, as the revenue goes to the government."

Mr. Koons' statement was essentially a defense of Postmaster-General Burleson's attitude with reference to the strike here and to the method he fixed for the handling of employees' requests for increased wages or changes in working conditions. The method, he said, has been misrepresented; it involves no "red tape," nor does it prohibit collective bargaining, either between representatives of organized workers and the companies or with the wire control board. His statement in full follows:

"Before returning to Washington I want to express my gratification at the early settlement of the telephone strike, and to add a word of recognition of the earnest desire manifested by all parties to the conference to come to an agreement that seems to have been mutually satisfactory."

"A large number of wage schedules had been presented. These schedules are intricate and technical and had to be considered not only with reference to the particular classes of employees affected, but also in their relation to each other and to their effect on the public. As one of the representatives of the district council well said: 'We are trying to do in a few hours what would ordinarily require weeks and weeks of negotiation.'"

"In handling questions of wage schedules, it should be remembered that there are many hundreds of individual telephone companies, and each one has its wage scale. It would be impossible for the postmaster-general to attend local conferences in all such cases or to send a representative. It simply emphasizes the need of some such method of procedure as the postmaster-general provided for the handling of such questions."

The postmaster-general felt that the method set up by him was a simple and direct one, and that it would permit prompt decisions. The government controls and operates the various telephone, telegraph and cable companies. It is responsible for all disbursements in connection with these companies. There is no question that, inasmuch as the government has to pay all wages in connection therewith, it should have some voice in the settlement of wage questions.

"Under private ownership, these questions first went to the general manager, whose recommendations had to be approved by the president and by the board of directors. The procedure set up by the postmaster-general provided that the general manager should first consider the questions presented, and that he should forward them, together with his recommendations thereon, through the operating board to the wire control board of the postmaster-general's department for final decision."

## DIPHTHERIA ABOARD BATTLESHIP BRINGING VERMONT BOYS HOME

Governor Clement, General Johnson, Major  
Goodall and Other Vermonters at Camp  
Devens Review

### GENERAL EDWARDS PINNED MEDALS ON BREASTS OF VERMONT BOYS AND OTHERS

A Regrettable Feature Was That 500 Vermont Boys  
On New Jersey Were Not Present  
At the Ceremonies

BOSTON, April 23.—The battleship New Jersey due today with the last big detachment of the 26th division, wireless that she had seven diphtheria cases on board. Passes to the Commonwealth pier immediately cancelled in receipt of this news. The New Jersey brings about twelve hundred men, nine hundred being former members of the old First Vermont Infantry.

## THE VICTORY LOAN BOOMS ALTHOUGH QUOTA IS EXCEEDED

The Figures at Noon Today  
Were Approximately  
\$450,000

The Victory Liberty Loan campaign is still going on at high speed. The total figures at noon today were approximately \$450,000.00, more than \$40,000.00 in excess of our quota and subscriptions are still coming in. The local committee state that this is by far the most popular loan ever handled by them. As this article was being written, it was necessary to increase the figures by \$10,000.00. There is no doubt but what all small subscribers will receive all the bonds they subscribe for regardless of the over-subscription throughout the country.

The women's organization in St. Johnsbury succeeded in obtaining subscriptions to the amount of \$18,800.00 on Tuesday. These are the small subscriptions which were obtained from the house-to-house canvass and are the ones which are most desired by the committee and also by the government.

The local banks have done their full share in subscribing to this loan. The Victory Liberty Loan War exhibit train, with intensely interesting relics and with soldiers to explain and demonstrate, will arrive at St. Johnsbury, April 25, at 1 p. m., and leave at 5.45 p. m. Its arrival will be announced by firing an aerial salute, by blowing of whistles and ringing of bells.

### BUDAPEST IN PERIL

Socialists Losing Control and Fear  
Anarchy Will Rule With Reign  
of Terror

BUDAPEST, April 23.—This city is going through a crisis far worse than that of April 3. There is apprehension that there will be a violent swing to anarchy with Socialists losing control to the Bolshevik leaders like Bela Kun and chiefs of the Red Guard. Looting, which hitherto has been held in check or legalized as "nationalization of property," and assassination of the old political leaders and aristocrats are feared.

### RED CROSS NOTES

About 50 women sewed at the Red Cross meeting Tuesday afternoon, a few called to get a garment to make at home. All who would like to do so, are earnestly asked to sew on these garments at home, and see that they are returned at the following meeting so that they may be packed and sent as soon as possible. The knitting is lagging a little, but the yarn is still plentiful, and no orders yet to stop knitting.

If there is any one who could knit but cannot get the yarn, telephone Mrs. C. W. Rutter, and she will see that it is taken to you.

By the way, there is a surprise for Red Cross workers at the armory each meeting, last week a splendid frank by a "Y" just back from the front. This week it was a jazz concert—do not miss the next one!

it would be difficult, if not impossible, for him to make fair decisions.

BOSTON, April 23.—As far as the Vermonters who are in Boston this week are concerned the big event of the week took place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the divisional review was given to the governors of the New England states at Camp Devens, in which the 26th Division of which the Vermont boys are a part paraded before the governors. One of the most interesting features of the afternoon's entertainment was the decoration of the boys who have been awarded medals for bravery during their service in France and who have not been able to get these because of one reason or another. General Edwards in the presence of the governors and attending delegations pinned the medals to the breasts of the Vermont boys and others in the division.

The ceremony Tuesday afternoon was very much like that which took place when the governor of the state reviewed the National Guards only that it was on a divisional scale instead of the regimental plan. General Edwards was in attendance as were several other Northeastern department officers. The decoration of the colors of the regiment in the division was also done. One of the regretful features of the afternoon's entertainment was that some over 500 of the Vermont boys who are on the New Jersey expected Wednesday morning could not participate in the ceremonies.

Governor Clement and party left the Parker house at 11 o'clock in three automobiles. They were driven to the grounds where they visited the personal officers of the division after which they were shown the courtesies of the camp by officers of the cantonments. In the governor's party were Major and Mrs. Harvey E. Goodall; General and Mrs. H. T. Johnson and Miss Helen Johnson of Watertown.

Private Goodell of White River Junction carried the Vermont flag which was one of three that appeared

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